

F/P/T Deputy Ministers of Intergovernmental Affairs conference call Thursday, February 17, 2022

Summary:

- **EA Orders have been tabled in Parliament and will be debated and voted on;**
- **Two documents will be shared with PTs – includes (1) rationale for triggering EA, and (2) report on prior consultations;**
- **Feds will share readouts from Incident Response Group going forward;**
- **No active border blockades as of February 17th.**

Notes:

- Michael Vandergrift provided a brief update on the status of new Emergency Act (EA) measures. The Orders and Declaration were published on February 15th. A letter to the Premiers was sent on the same day. No other Orders are on the drafting table at this time. The Orders were tabled in the House of Commons on the evening of February 16th. The debate on enacting the Orders has begun and will continue until there is a vote. The specific motion to enact EA will be shared (but is not yet public) – this includes a document outlining the rationale for invoking EA and a report on required prior consultations. In the report on consultations, a reference to the FMM is included, but not details of meeting. The document does include publicly made comments from various Premiers. An offer to arrange bilateral calls was extended to PTs if more detailed briefing was required on specific issues. Nathalie Drouin (ND) shared the document outlining the rationale for “triggering” EA is extensive (14 pages) but is not a legal factum. It does outline “significant evidence” of ongoing risks of a range of movements moving towards some form of “action”, as identified via social media. The report on consultations does not include an exhaustive list of FPT interactions but includes as many as possible from various levels occurring prior to EA being “triggered”. There was also a commitment to share read out reports from the “Incident Response Group” with PT colleagues.

PT Questions:

- QC noted that the OPP has requested support from the Sûreté du Québec, which will be provided. No further details can be shared.
- NB asked if there were more information available on the recent federal announcement of \$750-million for transit funding. No further details were immediately available but it was noted that Finance Canada would be convening an ADM level call on Feb 18th to outline details, as well as sending a letter inclusive of eligibility details.
- MB inquired as to whether there were any active, ongoing border blockades. None were known of at this time but ND signalled there some “flare-ups” such as in BC [where people were showing up to protests with axes]
- BC inquired as whether it was accurate to characterize the EA measures as “draw down” measures – noting happens unless there is a specific require made for use. It was noted the banking measures apply nationally and that nothing within the law enforcement measures is intended to replace or supersede local law enforcement.